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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
UPPER BURRELL SUPERVISORS  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024  
MEETING ROOM, 3735 - 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET ROAD**

Board of Supervisors, Chairman, Ross Walker, called the regular meeting of the Upper Burrell Township Supervisors to order at 7:00 pm.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:** The following members of Council responded to roll call:

**Present:**            **Ross G. Walker, III, Chairman**  
                             **Michael P. Conley, Vice Chairman**  
                             **Kenneth R. Slahtovsky, Supervisor**

**Also present:** Michael Moore, Engineer  
                             Melissa A. Cortilesio, Secretary  
                             Ryan Pallone, Solicitor

**OPENING OF BIDS** – Bids were opened and read aloud on Friday, March 1, 2024.

**OPEN TO THE FLOOR –**

Dan Myers, 200 Barnview Drive, stated he had a few items and asked that as those items come up during the meeting if it would be ok to then speak about it. Walker replied yes.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES -**

Motion made by Walker, second by Slahtovsky to approve the minutes of the February regular meeting. Motion passed 3-0.

**CORRESPONDENCE -**

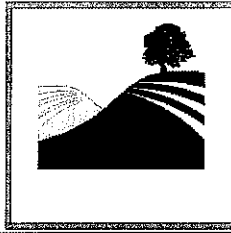
Chairman Walker asked Mrs. Cortilesio, to review the correspondence from the month.

**ROAD REPORT -**

Supervisor Slahtovsky reported most of the time was spent patching, snow removal, cleaning culverts and ditches and storm debris clean up.

**POLICE REPORT -**

Chief Pate reported there were 86 calls for the month of February. Chief Pate reported that the grant he spoke of last month for new tasers has been approved. Chief stated they have been continuing to run traffic on Greensburg Road. Chief stated he just had a traffic stop for speeding 110 mph. Dan Myers asked if there was any update on the regionalization. Chief replied nothing to report. Dan Hosac asked about when a road is posted with a no jake brake sign, does that sign include the whole community it is



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posted in or just that area of the road. Chief stated road specific. Hosac stated that 366 goes thru Plum and does not have a sign. Chief stated maybe due to Greensburg Road going thru so many different municipalities that may be why.

Chris Uhler asked if there has been any home break-ins. Chief replied nothing has been reported.

**EMC REPORT –**

Mr. Knox gave a thank you to Supervisor Slahtovsky for handling the jake brake issue by his house on Oak Lake Road.

**ENGINEERS REPORT –**

Mike Moore stated that the bid award information is under new business.

**PLANNING COMMISSION –**

Schafer Minor Subdivision

Sara Gardone presented a proposed two lot subdivision along Schafer Drive to create Lot 1 (3.0 acres) from the parent parcel owned by Austin Schafer. Lot 1 has direct access to Schafer Drive. The plan was reviewed by Bankson Engineers in their letter dated February 2, 2024. They requested evidence of an adequate sewage management system. The PA Department of Environmental Protection reviewed the Schafer Component 1 Plan in their letter dated February 12, 2024 and have found the proposed plan to be adequate and accepts the proposal as an “Exception” to the requirements to revise the official plan under Chapter 71, Section 71.55. After a discussion, Chester Lockwood moved to approve the plan, seconded by Dennis Matto and all were in favor.

Dan Myers asked the board what they knew about the exception that is noted in the letter dated February 12, 2024, from the PA DEP. (Chapter 71, Section 71.55) Myers stated if you do not know what it is then the plan should not be approved. Sara Gardone stated the DEP has to be involved with going forward with the SEO. Gardone stated she also had to get a soil scientist and all of this has to be approved by the PA DEP. The subdivision would be allowed with PA DEP approval.

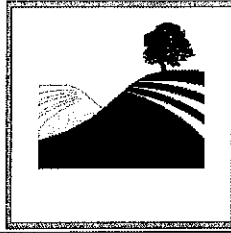
**ZONING HEARING BOARD –**

Scott Chermak issued citations on February 20, 2024.

Dan Myers, stated he believed that 2 citations were sent out. 1-on Schafer and 1-on Oak Lake. Mr. Pallone stated that currently the case is in litigation. Myers stated that Mr. Yakopec should not be able to represent the township and also asked if the Supervisors should attend the hearings and he would like to see Harlan Stone be the attorney who attends the hearings.

**SOLICITORS REPORT –**

Mr. Pallone stated at this time the appraisal for the Lincoln Beach property has just been received and needs to be reviewed and will not be added to the agenda due to having a monetary value. It will be made public.



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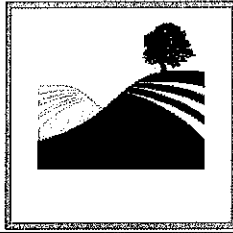
## NEW BUSINESS

- A. A motion was made by Walker second by Conley to appoint Christine Cancro as the Upper Burrell representative to People's Library. Motion passed 3 – 0.
- B. A motion was made by Walker second by Slahtovsky to approve the Schafer/Gardone Minor Subdivision. Motion passed 3 – 0.
- C. A motion was made by Walker second by Slahtovsky to award Contract No. 24-1 to the lowest responsible bidder, Russell Standard Corporation, in the amount of \$39,648.00, contingent upon PennDot approval. Based on the Engineer's recommendation. Motion passed 3 – 0. (Michael Drive double asphalt seal coat – 6,650 SY and Laing Road double asphalt seal coat – 2,950 SY)
- D. A motion was made by Walker second by Conley to award Contract No. 24-2 to the lowest responsible bidder, Tresco Paving Corporation, in the amount of \$82,740.00, contingent upon PennDot approval. Based on the Engineer's recommendation. Motion passed 3 – 0. (Menk Road 1-1/2 inch thick WMA 9.5 wearing course overlay – 720 tons – 8,800 SY) Dan Hosac asked how that section of Menk Road was chosen. Slahtovsky stated you have to pick an end to start at. Conley stated they are hoping over the next few years to be able to do more sections of the road and get it completed. Hosac stated his concern was there are more homes from Myers to Pleasant Valley than from Route 780.
- E. Motion to award Contract No. 24-3 to the lowest responsible bidder, Tresco Paving Corporation, in the amount of \$42,546.00, contingent upon PennDot approval. Based on the Engineer's recommendation. No action was taken
- F. A motion was made by Walker second by Slahtovsky to award to the 2024 Road Material bids to the lowest responsible bidder based on the Engineer's recommendation. Motion passed 3 – 0.

Item No. 1 – 360 Tons of Type 2A Limestone – Heidelberg Materials Northeast LLC in the amount of \$8,571.60

Item No. 2 – 300 Tons of No. 3 Limestone – Allegheny Mineral Corporation in the amount of \$8,460.00

Item No. 3 – 300 Tons of AS1 Anti-Skid – Allegheny Mineral Corporation in the amount of \$8,460.00



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Item No. 4 – 5,000 Gallons Gasoline, Unleaded 87 Octane with Ethanol – Bradigan’s Inc. in the amount of \$715.00

Item No. 5 – 4,000 Gallons Clear Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel B2 Blend – Bradigan’s Inc. in the amount of \$572.00

- G. A motion was made by Waker second by Conley to purchase a 24’W x 40’L x 14’ H – standard garage. In the amount of \$9,366.75. 24x40’ Vertical roof, 14’ height, 145 MPH + PSF Certified, 3/12” roof pitch, front wall closed horizontal, back wall closed horizontal, right close horizontal, 18x13’ garage door frame out (Roll-Up) on left wall, 18x13’ garage door frame out (roll-up) on left wall. Motion passed 3 – 0.
- H. A motion was made by Conley second by Walker to pay and ratify all the bills and accept the financial report for the month of February 2024. Motion passed 3 – 0.

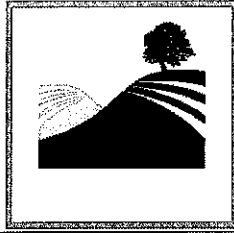
**OPEN TO THE FLOOR**

David Knox, 1307 Oak Lake Road, stated that when Representative Jill Cooper was at a meeting she mentioned about a program for taxes for Senior Citizens. Knox stated he did try to reach out to her but has not had any luck. Knox stated that Westmoreland County received 1.2 million in Marcellus Shale money. Knox stated what are they doing with those funds it is not coming back locally to the communities who have wells. Knox stated he received his tax bill and it went up. Knox asked if the township raised taxes. Walker stated the township did not raise taxes and it was the county that did.

Allen Uhler, 2213 Turkey Ridge Road, asked if the supervisors were aware of the violations that have occurred on the Calliope Well Pad. Uhler provided the information.

Scott Berger, 650 Knoll Lane, asked who owns Knoll Lane. Berger stated he was told that for 35 years it is a private lane. Berger stated that a neighbor wanted to have some trees cut down and she was told by the tree company that she does not own the area where the trees where located. Some discussion took place as to Knoll Lane being considered an easement and that the properties cannot be landlocked. Chief Pate referenced that the same issue was happening down on Swank Lane and ended up in court but due to the property selling the case was dismissed. Berger stated that back in 1990 or 1991 he was told by Mike Conley and Berni Hobi what improvements were needed to be done to Knoll Lane. Berger stated that work was completed and the township still did not take the lane over. After more discussion it was stated that someone would need to put the time in to research all of the deeds and find the information.

Dan Myers, 200 Barnview Drive, asked if there were any updates on the pa system for the meeting room. Conley stated he received one bid in the amount \$15,000.00. Conley stated he believes that the ceiling needs lowered first for the pa system to work. Myers stated the room needs to come into age. Myers also asked if any decision has been made on the appointing of 2 new alternate members to the Zoning Hearing Board. Walker replied no decision has been made. Myers stated please update the website under the Zoning Hearing Board and correct the solicitors information. Myers stated last month



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the supervisors approved giving the road department an additional holiday. Myers stated when did this discussion come about and why not make this day a maintenance day. Myers stated why give them an additional day off what is the theory behind this. Slahtovsky stated he was not certain when this was discussed but on election days it is chaotic here. Walker stated he likes to be good to the employees and that the township is fiscally responsible.

Paul Schwan, 831 Merwin Road asked what the address was for the first correspondence on the agenda.

Someone in the audience asked again about the status of Oak Lake Road. It was replied citations were issued and is in litigation and is in the Magistrate's hands.

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Walker second by Conley to adjourn, meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by: Melissa A. Cortilesio,

Note\*\*\* Next monthly meeting, will be held on Wednesday, April 3, 2024, beginning at 7:00 p.m.